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INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL LIBRARIANS

The University of Illinois will present an Institute on "Developments in Medical Library Administration," June 9-15, 1962, at its Library of Medical Sciences, Chicago. Registration will be limited to 25 participants, with expenses to be provided from a grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health. Applications must be received by March 23, 1962. Address inquiries to Professor Wilma Troxel, Librarian, University of Illinois at the Medical Center, 1853 West Polk Street, Chicago 12, Illinois.

A MOVING EXPERIENCE (PHASE TWO)

The contract for moving the National Library of Medicine to its new building in Bethesda was awarded by the General Services Administration on February 9 to the Davidson Transfer & Storage Company of Washington. Invitations to bid on a separate contract for moving the History of Medicine Division from Cleveland were issued on February 7; representatives of the moving industry inspected the Cleveland site on February 14.

Consultations with the contractor's representatives were held throughout February. Certain parts of the collection are scheduled to be moved early in March, but the main move, on a round-the-clock basis, will occur April 13-15. It is somewhat disquieting to note that M-Day is Friday, the 13th; nevertheless no deferment of the "countdown" is being considered.

CLEVELAND INVENTORY

The History of Medicine Division in Cleveland is conducting a pre-move inventory of holdings. Xerox prints of the old checklist and shelflist have been made, and the cataloging staff has begun work in the area of the 18th century collections.

CHEMISTRY JOURNAL HOLDINGS

In the January issue of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association there is an article by Dr. Andrew Lasslo on the comparative serial literature resources in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry in 48 major research libraries in the United States. Unfortunately the holdings of the National Library of Medicine are not correctly reported. Dr. Lasslo reports that NLM holds only 87 of the 171 journals which he lists as of primary importance; actually, as shown by a check of the serial record, NLM has 128. The 43 titles not held by this Library are in the fields of pure chemistry or chemical technology. Because of the proximity of the Library of Congress and the Library of the Department of Agriculture, NLM has restricted itself in these fields to titles of the greatest reference value.

MEDLARS

The first phase of the MEDLARS project, involving preliminary design of the system, was completed on January 31 when the General Electric Company submitted its report along with detailed performance specifications for the new system. The government has exercised its option on the second phase of the project, which involves detailed design, and work is proceeding while some contractual matters still remain to be resolved. A more complete report to librarians on the progress of MEDLARS will be made as soon as possible.

MISSING VOLUME

Frank, J. P. De curandi hominum morbis epitome. Liber V. Mannheim, 1794.

This volume was en route from Cleveland to the National Institutes of Health on November 16 and reported undelivered on January 9. Tracers and claims have been filed, with no result. It is hoped that the volume will turn up somewhere and be sent back to the National Library of Medicine.

REMINDER

The Superintendent of Documents has 4,000 copies of the Bibliography of Medical Reviews, vol. 6, available for sale at $3.50 per copy. This volume is a cumulation of material published in volumes 1 through 5, with the addition of 3,300 review articles from the literature of 1960. It is a basic medical bibliographical tool and will remain so for a long time. Volume 7 of BMR, covering 1961 literature, is now in preparation.

NLM BUDGET, FY 1963

Program and Financing (in thousands of dollars)

	1961 actual	1962 estimate	1963 estimate
Program by activities:			
Library services and resources (total program costs)	2,090	2,827	3,335
Change in selected resources	26	−19	.....
Total obligations	2,115	2,808	3,335
Financing:			
Comparative transfers from other accounts	−392	−912	.....
Unobligated balance lapsing	14	170	.....
New obligational authority (appropriation)	**1,738**	**2,066**	**3,335**

Object Classification (in thousands of dollars)

11 Personnel compensation:			
Permanent positions	1,254	1,281	1,402
Positions other than permanent	4	5	6
Other personnel compensation	12	14	14
Total personnel compensation	1,270	1,300	1,422
12 Personnel benefits	95	101	110
21 Travel and transportation of persons	19	19	22
22 Transportation of things	1	5	3
23 Rent, communications, and utilities	43	50	43
24 Printing and reproduction	137	113	122
25 Other services	278	694	891
Payment to "National Institutes of Health management fund"	..	140	318
26 Supplies and materials	47	65	87
31 Equipment	94	96	92
41 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	123	225	225
Total	2,107	2,808	3,335

Personnel Summary

Total number of permanent positions	227	234	250
Full-time equivalent of other positions	1	1	1
Average number of all employees	219	222	237
Number of employees at end of year	220	225	244
Average GS grade	6.3	6.3	6.6
Average GS salary	$5,699	$5,746	$5,897

HIPPOCRATICA

The History of Medicine Division has acquired a notable item which did not even appear on its Hippocrates Want List compiled a few years ago:

Ghirinzana, Lazaro. In septem libros aphorismorum magni Hippocratis coi animadversiones. In quibus multa Hippocratis loca contradicentia conciliantur. Genuae, Farroni, n.d. [1649?]

The work is most probably the 1649 edition listed by Pescetto in his Biografia medica ligure [item no. 1639].

PREPARATIONS FOR MOVING

Item: The reorganization of the Old Public Catalog has been completed and it is now ready for the big move to the new building.

Item: The Name section of the New Public Catalog has been reviewed and dividing markers inserted. This section will be shifted into 1,034 trays in the new catalog cases; each tray will contain approximately six inches of cards, thus allowing for three or four years' growth.

Item: Each title in the Biobibliography Collection has been reviewed carefully and marked according to its ultimate destination in the new building: in the Public Catalog Room, in the catalogers' work space, or in the general collection.

CUMULATED INDEX MEDICUS, VOLUME 2

By the time this notice appears, Volume 2 of the Cumulated Index Medicus, covering material indexed during 1961, should be available.

The set of three volumes may be obtained on subscription to the American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois. (Price: $35; $40 outside the United States and Canada)

FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE ARE REMINDED THAT ITS NEW ADDRESS WILL BE 8600 WISCONSIN AVENUE, BETHESDA 14, MARYLAND, EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 16, 1962. UNTIL THEN THE ADDRESS REMAINS AT WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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